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For: PACKED COLUMN AND POLYMERIZABLE COMPOUND TREATING
METHOD USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the first Office Action, dated November 19, 2003, relating to the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a packed column; or
- II. Claims 7-11, drawn to a method of treating a polymerizable liquid.

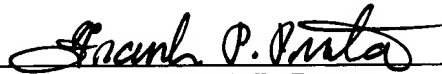
Applicant hereby elects Claims 7-11, drawn to a method of treating a polymerizable liquid (invention II) for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicant specifically reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected Claims 1-6 during the pendency of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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